



NC DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

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February 10, 2023

**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS,  
SUPERVISORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS**

**SUBJECT: REGIONAL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS LISTENING SESSIONS EXPERIENCES**

**REQUIRED ACTION:**  Immediate  Time Sensitive  Information Only

**PURPOSE: UPDATED LOCATIONS FOR UPCOMING INPUT SESSIONS**

Previously, the North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) sent out an announcement via DCDL\_CWS\_50\_2022 providing information on the Regional Youth and Young Adults Listening Sessions. We would like to provide updates on locations for regions 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7. The venue location and address for each region will be provided in your confirmation email.

If counties have additional teens and young adults who meet criteria and would like to participate in the Regional Listening Session, please reach out to Tori Marshall, State LINKS Coordinator.

The updated input session schedule is as follows:

Thursday, February 16, 2023	5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Region 5	<b>Winterville, NC</b>
Thursday, March 16, 2023	5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Region 3	<b>Graham, NC</b>
Thursday, March 30, 2023	5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Region 1	<b>Clyde, NC</b>
Saturday, April 15, 2023	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Region 6	<b>Fayetteville, NC</b>
Saturday, May 20, 2023	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Region 7	<b>Plymouth, NC</b>

**In addition to in-person listening sessions, we are working to provide virtual listening sessions.  
*Additional information will be provided at a later date.***

As a reminder, please submit LINKS reimbursement for youth and young adults who attend the Regional Listening sessions as follows:

LOCATION: 820 S. Boylan Avenue, McBryde Building, Raleigh, NC 27603  
MAILING ADDRESS: 2410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2410 [www.ncdhhs.gov](http://www.ncdhhs.gov)  
• TEL: 919-527-6340 • FAX: 919-334-1123

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1. After each Region's input session, the county will follow the regular DSS-5217 LINKS Reimbursement Form submission process.
2. Please submit a separate DSS-5217 LINKS Reimbursement Form for the input sessions when requesting the \$100.00 incentive for youth and young adults who attended (all youth who attended should be on one 5217 Form).
3. Submit the separate DSS-5217 Reimbursement Form via email to [linksreimbursement@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:linksreimbursement@dhhs.nc.gov). Please ensure the subject line includes: Your county name *and* Regional Listen Session Incentive Reimbursement.

If you have any questions, please contact Tori Marshall, State LINKS Coordinator at [Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

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